

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**1. (Currently amended)** A method of improving the crushing strength, impact resistance and compressibility of urea granules, comprising adding to molten urea, both  
a polyvinyl compound, and  
an organic compound having 1-10 carbon atoms and 1-10 polar organic groups, wherein the polar organic groups are selected from ~~carboxylic acid~~, hydroxyl, amine and/or amide groups, and the amount of the organic compound in total is at most 1 wt%, based on the amount of molten urea.

**2. (Cancelled)**

**3. (Previously presented)** The method according to claim 1, wherein the organic compound has between 2 and 5 carbon atoms.

**4. (Previously presented)** The method according to claim 1, wherein the organic compound is pentaerythritol.

**5. (Cancelled)**

**6. (Previously presented)** The method according to claim 1, wherein the amount of the organic compound to be added in total is between 5 and 100 ppm, based on the amount of molten urea.

**7. (Previously presented)** The method according to claim 1, wherein the polyvinyl compound is of the general formula  $(CHX-CHY)_n$ , where  
 $n = 4-10,000$  and X and Y independently of one another are selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom and a polar organic group.

**8. (Cancelled)**

**9. (Previously presented)** The method according to claim 7, wherein X is a hydrogen atom and Y substantially consists of a hydroxyl group.

**10. (Previously presented)** The method according to claim 7, wherein at least 70% of Y consists of a hydroxyl group.

**11. (Previously presented)** The method according to claim 1, wherein the polyvinyl compound and the organic compound are added to the molten urea as an aqueous solution having a total additive concentration of from 0.5 to 25 wt%.

**12. (Previously presented)** The method according to claim 1, wherein the polyvinyl compound and the organic compound are added to the molten urea as an aqueous solution having a total additive concentration of from 1 to 20 wt%.

**13. (Previously presented)** The method according to claim 1, wherein the polyvinyl compound and the organic compound are added to the molten urea as an aqueous solution having a total additive concentration of from 100 to 10,000 ppm.

**14. (Cancelled)**

**15. (Previously presented)** The method according to claim 13, wherein the concentration of the total of the polyvinyl compound and organic compound is from 500 to 3,000 ppm.

**16. (Previously presented)** The method according to claim 10, wherein at least 95% of Y consists of a hydroxyl group.

**17-19. (Cancelled)**